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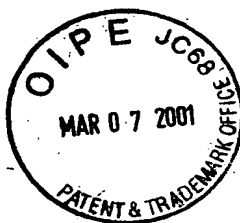
In re Patent Application of

Christine A. WHITE et al.

Application No.: 09/436,347

Filed: November 9, 1999

For: TREATMENT OF HEMATOLOGIC
MALIGNANCIES ASSOCIATED
WITH CIRCULATING TUMOR
CELLS USING CHIMERIC
ANTI-CD20 ANTIBODY



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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A) AND REQUEST FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT-NO
ABANDONMENT IN FACT**

In accordance with MPEP §711.03(c), withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment in the above captioned application is respectfully requested, there being no abandonment in fact. Specifically, the Notice of Abandonment issued on November 9, 2000 states that the application is held abandoned for failure to respond to the office letter mailed on February 29, 2000. However, a Reply to that communication and a Petition for a three month Extension of Time with the appropriate fee were timely filed on August 29, 2000. A copy of that reply (i.e., Amendment and Reply to Office Action) is enclosed as is a copy of post card receipt date stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark office acknowledging receipt of said reply and petition for extension of time on said date. This date stamped post card receipt, which itemizes and properly identifies the papers filed is *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO. See MPEP §503.

Also, it is noted that the Notice of Abandonment was issued at a time when the undersigned applicants' representative was in the process of changing firms and therefore did not promptly receive the Notice of Abandonment at her new firm. It is hereby submitted that any delay in filing the present request was


unintentional. Applicants representative diligently investigated the circumstances and gathered evidence relating to the Reply filed August 29, 2000 from the undersigned's previous firm. The present Petition is being filed promptly upon receipt by the undersigned of all the evidence necessary to show that the Amendment was timely filed. It is therefore respectfully requested that Applicants not be penalized should the Office find that any delay has occurred in filing the present Petition.

In light of the above, withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and prompt favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

The belief that no fee is required for consideration this paper. Should the office deem otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to deposit account 03-3975. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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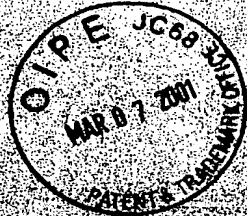
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